

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 35-36 are rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-30 are cancelled. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 31-36 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 35-36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants amended claim 35 to include all of the limitations of claim 16, and amended claim 36 to include all of the limitations of claim 18. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 35-36 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

Claims 9 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meguro et al. (4,687,777). Claims 16 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meguro et al. (4,687,777) in view of Windholz et al. (Merck Index).

Claims 9, 16, 18, and 24 are cancelled. Thus, the claim rejections are now moot.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a

check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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